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AMERICA'S OLDEST WEEKLY COLLEGE NEWSPAPER

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Holden Hall wing renovations continuing

ALEX PRIES
STAFF WRITER

Students returning to Holden Hall this week received a shock once arriving on the second floor. Instead of the new carpet they expected, a hallway of plywood and duct tape greeted them. After the fire that occurred in Holden weeks before break, students were told to expect a cleaner, nicer dorm upon their arrival.

The clean-up began over break with the removal of the old carpet and a fresh coat of paint for Holden's walls. Assistant Residential Director of Holden Hall, David Navratil '99 said, "Basically, we've gotten all new ceiling tiles, fluorescent lighting and for the room where the fire started, new dry wall, new windows and a new door have been placed." The second floor bathroom on the side where the fire started was also re-painted and cleaned thoroughly.

Navratil also stated that the reason behind the delay on the carpet was that the factory where the carpet was manufactured was closed over the holidays, preventing the carpet's delivery. He said that plywood boards are in place to prevent debris from tracking into rooms as construction continues. As for the clean up, the company Inrecon is in the process of completing the con-



And the saga of Holden Hall continues ...

PHOTO BY BEN SPIELDENNER

struction needed to restore Holden Hall. According to Navratil, Stanley Steamer cleaned the carpets which were not removed from Holden.

Director of Residential Life Dwayne Davis said that the time frame for completion of the Holden cleanup is "as soon as possible." The company responsible for the

clean-up should be on the task: "Their specialty is to get things done as soon as possible," Davis said. He noted that the holiday season affected the completion of the project. "If the fire had occurred in October, this would have already been completed," Davis said.

As for cost, Davis stated that the

College's insurance deductible for events like these is \$10,000. The future of the room where the fire started is still under debate but it may be opened, hopefully by late February. It is not yet known if the

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First day of classes presents some challenges

SARAH FENSKE
Co-Editor

It's Monday morning, and your schedule tells you your first class of the day is in Scot Cottage 205. You know Scot Cottage is a small house, home to the Safe House program, but your schedule wouldn't lie, would it?

Guess again.

EXHIBIT A. Amy Farley '00 had signed up for Literature of the Harlem Renaissance with Dr. Mary Young and showed up at Kauke 105 like her schedule said. "I went to class and we were all standing around for ten minutes," she said.

"There was another class in the classroom, and the prof seemed to be late." Farley knew she couldn't be part of the class in the room: "I knew who the class was supposed to be taught by, and the professor there wasn't her." Eventually, someone in the class figured out that they were supposed to be in the Tower, and they made their way upstairs, where half the class was already seated.

EXHIBIT B. Professor of Economics Jim Burnell was sitting in his Kauke office when a student poked her head in the door. According to Burnell, "She thought her schedule said Kauke 214. I know

the class was Poli Sci 214, so I don't know if the schedule actually had that for the room or not." Burnell allegedly told her that yes, she was at Kauke 214, and yes, she could stay there, but he was leaving and locking the office as he went. The student left.

EXHIBIT C. Joel Beauchemin '00 was in Scot Cottage around 1 p.m. and had to redirect confused philosophy students toward Scovel. "Our door was propped, and one guy came right in and said he was looking for 205. I said, 'There is no 205.'" Beauchemin says the student showed him the schedule, and it did indeed indicate his house. It wasn't

just for that one student: "I noticed a few other people waiting outside, and I passed another person on the way to my class." The class, Garrett Thomson's Modern Philosophy, eventually made it to Scovel — although, according to sources, Thomson didn't show, as he was stranded in an airport in Chicago.

Just another first day of classes, another day with a few wrong rooms and a little chaos. Nothing new, and nothing too traumatic.

As for the uniformly erroneous

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Arch filled!

Registrar's office is also blocked

SARAH FENSKE
DAN SHORTRIDGE

As the smell of pot wafted through the air last night, legions of enthused Woosterites passed along bucket after bucket of snow, filling the Arch for the first time since 1964.

"This is the ultimate opportunity to f*** the system," an anonymous student said.

The snow dump was said to be organized by Travis Grundke, Jeff Pattison and David Navratil '99s, but as Mike DiPaolo '99 said, "The most important thing is that everyone came together; no one cares who organized it. It's exactly what the school needed."

"I've been here three years, and this is the first time I've seen anything remotely like this," Jacob Burt '00 said.

"I don't think it's going to stop classes," said Justin Elliott '01. "But at this point, I don't think it matters."

The scene was one of organized chaos. Students gathered even before the designated 11 p.m. hour, using shovels, boxes, trashcans, cups and their hands to transport snow to the center of the arch and to block the other entrances as well. A piper started off the evening, and impromptu musical performances continued through the night, egged on by the cheering crowd. Alcohol flowed freely.

"It's lots of energy, lots of fun, lots of pot," said Abhishek Saharia '02. "It's cold feet and cold fingers."

Everett Peachey '01 sent numerous e-mails during the day publicizing the event. He estimated that he reached 200 people. "I'm really big on Wooster tradition," Peachey said.

Kevin Egan '01 said, "This is the kind of story I'll be telling my kids about."

✓ Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, birthday is tomorrow.

✓ Billiards, bowling, and table tennis are half-price at Scot Lanes all weekend to celebrate "Welcome Back Daze."

✓ Rounders will kick off the 1999 SAB Saturday Film Series on Jan. 16 at 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. in Mateer. \$1 admission.

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✓ The College's Martin Luther King birthday celebration is beginning Monday. For more information, contact the Office of Black Student Affairs at ext. 2009.

✓ The Student Activities Board will offer Sidekicks Registration and a Recruitment Fair in Lowry Center Lobby from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday.

✓ "USA Today" columnist Barbara Reynolds will speak on Tuesday as part of the MLK, Jr. Celebration. Reynolds will speak at 7 p.m. in McGaw Chapel.

News Briefs

CAMPUS

• **FACULTY AND STAFF SKIP COUNCIL:** Campus Council did not hold a meeting this week due to a lack of administrators and faculty members present. Council Chair D.J. Francis '00 was not overly concerned by the low attendance. "I don't think it was a big deal," Francis said. "Apparently it's unusual to have a meeting this early in the semester; everyone is just beginning to get settled back into their routines." Francis said that several faculty members had previously notified him that they would be unable to attend, due to weather conditions and other uncontrollable factors, and hopes that next week's meeting will have a better turnout. Council will continue to address the issues of binge drinking and handicapped accessibility on campus at that time.

• **JOB FAIRS FOR SENIORS:** Career Services is sponsoring two job fairs for seniors wanting to get in touch with potential employers. The first is a "Virtual Job Fair," and resumes are due to the Career Services office by Jan. 27. The second fair is the Cleveland "Hire" Intelligence Job Fair. An information session will be held on Jan. 25 and the fair itself will occur on Feb. 25. For more information, contact the office at ext. 2496.

REGIONAL

• **UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL STAYS EVEN:** The Wayne County unemployment rate stayed level at the beginning of the holiday season, at 3 percent for the month of November, according to the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services. The county, which boasts a labor force of 57,500 workers had 1,700 people out of work in November, according to the Bureau. In November of 1997, the county's unemployment rate spiked to 3.9 percent. But the area still beats both the overall Ohio and national rates, at 4.1 percent and 4.4 percent, respectively.

• **NEW DRIVERS TO HIT THE ROADS MORE OFTEN:** Effective Jan. 1, Ohio's young drivers will be required to spend more time behind the wheel during driver's education, and state officials say that parents will be taking on "a more active role" during the process, according to the Ohio Insurance Institute. Teens are not only required to take a school-related or private driving course which involves eight hours behind the wheel, but must also spend 50 hours driving with their parents or guardians. The new requirements, part of a "graduated licensing law," also extend the time spent in the classroom from 16 hours to 24.

— Heather Milum, Assistant News Editor
Dan Shortridge News Editor

Holden repairs ongoing

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former occupants will return to the room and use it as their residence again.

The absence of carpet and the continuing construction have had an impact on students living among the noise and mess. Joe Vardon '02 said, "I'm very disappointed in the job they've done. They're still working in the hallway which throws everything off. I'm pissed they haven't done anything to our rooms."

Anthony Springer '02 said, "I think it was nice that they offered to clean our rooms over break and when we got back ... They weren't even touched."

Students living in parts of Holden near the fire were told to remove posters, pictures or anything on the walls so that cleaning

crews could scrub down the walls and clean carpets. Many students noted that in fact it appeared that no changes could be seen in individual rooms. However, according to Davis, each room was inspected by a cleaning crew and checked for smoke damage. If the inspections found damage, then the room was cleaned.

All the noise from the construction has affected students' ability to study and sleep. Brian Carlisle '02 said, "Let's say you wanna study or sleep, and that noise won't let you. It sounds like a machine gun." But when the construction stops, Holden Hall will have a new look. "I think we're going to come out ahead in this. We're paying to have a lot of stuff done, and things should be much better," Navratil said.

New SAB team takes charge

PRIYANKA BHALLA
STAFF WRITER

"I want to get more energy and enthusiasm into members of the board and the student body by taking the image of SAB to a new level," said new Student Activities Board President Kevin Godburn '00.

The coming of the new year means a new executive committee for the Student Activities Board, and with it comes creative planning for entertainment and activities here at Wooster. The new board held its first meeting on Tuesday.

Godburn's primary goal is to "create more interaction with the student body ... to get more feedback and make people aware of the type of programming the SAB provides," he said. To accomplish this, the new board plans to host an SAB web page, updated weekly, and begin a phone hotline, updated daily, each containing a listing of events at the College.

Other events the new board hopes to see this year include a comedy concert, where a number of both prominent and low-key comedians would be showcased, rather than just a one-person act at the Underground. The board is also planning to book a jazz band out of Chicago for Winter Gala.

SAB Advisor Christina Graham,



New SAB President Kevin Godburn '00

PHOTO BY BEN SPIELDENNER

assistant director of student activities, said that she hopes each new board will "become more autonomous every year and utilize committees to get a perspective of the entire campus when planning events."

Godburn takes his post over from outgoing president Ellen Hunter '99, who oversaw a successful Party On The Green and Rusted Root concert this semester. In his new position, Godburn also takes a seat on Campus Council.

Members of the new board include Erica Bruton, Black Forum coordinator; Kevin Egan and Callisia Clarke, College Underground; Sarah

Nagelbush and Crystal Miller, Films; Jessica Williams, Musical Entertainment; Siddharta Bose, Performing Arts; Elizabeth Gray, Sidekicks; Natasha Abbas, Special Events; and Kimberly Christenson and Alyson Tanenbaum, Travel and Recreation.

The board is still searching for students to fill the positions of Secretary/Spirit Coordinator, Art, Speakers, and Topics Coordinator, and a co-Performing Arts chair.

Anyone interested in those positions, or for more information on SAB and its programs, may contact the office at ext. 2770.

First day of classes

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advisor listings on the registration card, a bit more confusion ensued. Like many first-years, Lydia Kruse '02 took one look at the card and did a double take: "I had the band director," she said. Having never taken a music class, she was a bit confused.

"I was pretty happy with my old one," she said, referring to her First Year Seminar teacher. "So I wasn't too happy, and someone told me it wasn't a mistake, that it was actually right." According to Kruse, for the first-years, "It was a big panic."

Many students blamed the error on the registrar, but that was simply not the case. "The administrative computing center had caused the error, and so the academic advisors indicated on the card were incorrect," Registrar Glenn Davis explained.

Jerry Grenert, the director of Administrative Computing, confirmed Davis' statement. "There was a bug in one of the programs," he said. "It was just one little period missing, and that did it."

Grenert's department writes many of the programs for departments on campus, and this one was no exception. Grenert noted that although the

software has a standard report format that would have covered the program, the College had insisted on a customized program written internally. "The software has a lot of standard formats that the College — and I mean that in the global sense, administrators, staff, basically everyone — has chosen not to use," he said. "So we do a lot of customization, and when you do that, you leave yourself wide open for these types of errors."

Grenert sees no legitimate objection to the standard program. He explained, "People are reluctant to change. The new software doesn't have the same look and feel, and people get used to it one way, so they're uncomfortable with that."

Davis' office is trying to deal with the results of the error. "I submitted an announcement to Wooster Headline News about the error, and we asked the faculty to go ahead and strike through the wrong name and sign over it," he said. "We're sending each faculty member a list of their advisees ... We just want to make sure our database information is correct."

Davis has consented to an interview with the Voice next week to discuss ongoing student complaints with the office.



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Soup & Bread sign-ups to begin

NICOLE DODDS
OFFICE MANAGER

The Soup and Bread program, headed this semester by interns Katy Geldrich '99 and Shannon Sonenstein '01, is kicking off its sign-up efforts with a meeting tonight in Lowry Pit. "We have lots of new ideas and hope to take the program in a new direction," said Sonenstein. "It's really, really important to me that people see it as a way to help out and have a good time."

Geldrich said that the program, which raises money for local and international hunger organizations, will feature different activities than previous years. "This year we will be coloring on the tables, a lá After Hours Cafe," she said, "and we plan to do the usual bingo and open mic nights." Small "tokens of appreciation" will also be given out to the first 370 people who volunteer, she added, and everyone who signs up will be entered in a raffle.

"Celebrity sign-ups" and the "fa-

mous 'Eat Soup' stickers" will be another part of their strategy to get students to sign up, Geldrich said. The organizers are also approaching the Scot Pipers and the comedy troupe Don't Throw Shoes, as well as several campus musical groups, to discuss possible performances. "We're hoping to have something special every night," said Sonenstein.

Each semester, students sign up to eat a meal of soup and bread in Kittredge Dining Hall for Tuesday dinner, Thursday lunch or both meals. The College donates the money that it saves from serving only soup and bread for those meals to hunger organizations via the Soup and Bread executive committee. The program's advisor is Rev. Carroll Meyer, pastor of the local Westminster Presbyterian Church.

To operate, Soup and Bread needs 350 volunteers on Tuesday and 300 on Thursday, said Sonenstein. "Second semester is always more challenging when it

comes to getting people to sign up," she said.

She noted several misconceptions about the program, the most common of which is that there's not enough for people to eat. "It's all you can eat," she said. "There's lots of bread and all sorts of spices, and we always have a vegan option."

Last year, the program raised over \$9,000 for hunger organizations including People To People, Oxfam America, Bread For The World and Food First. In 1997-98, it raised over \$20,000, said Sonenstein.

Sign-ups officially start at the beginning of next week at tables in Lowry and Kittredge. "We also need people to help us put this together," said Geldrich. Tonight's meeting at 7 p.m. in Lowry Pit will include poster- and flyer-making and brainstorming for ideas to further improve the program.

Both Sonenstein and Geldrich have served on the executive committee since last year.

Snow committee formed

DAWN PACKER
CO-EDITOR

Like the rest of life on campus this week, SGA's first meeting of the semester was dominated by snow. Katherine Varney '00 brought up the effects of the weather, recounting the tale of some friends who "had some difficulty getting up the steps ... It's a little slippery out there," she said.

Elise Pilorget '01 said, "The sidewalks were never plowed at all." She called the Physical Plant to find out more about the situation. "They said they were working on drives and parking lots. They didn't even care that we couldn't walk to Kauke."

Later in the discussion, Director of Publicity Sarah Bandomer said, "I don't know whether they can throw salt [on Kauke] ... because salt's really corrosive." Vice President for Student Affairs Ryan Dansak '00 suggested that "if they can't do anything about the Arch, have them close it and use the other entrances."

"I'd be interested in finding out how many plows the College has," said Senator Jennifer Buckley '99. "There are people shovelling [but] that's just too much work for a few people to do." Bekeny noted that snow removal seems to be "a whole city-wide problem." However, he also said that the College "should be able to handle something like this."

Joe Davis '01, who replaced Nathan Schiffrik '99 as Treasurer, also suggested that more attention be paid to the puddles that form in stairwells and inside dorm entrances, having recently had a bad encounter with six stairs and a "caution" sign.

Parliamentarian Eric Bakken '99 suggested that, since the problem was immediate and therefore could not be dealt with by letter, several people go to the Physical Plant on Thursday and report their concerns directly. Instead, the Senate voted to form an ad hoc committee to address the issues raised. Varney volunteered to chair it.

Winter wonderland for some, slippery sidewalks for others



Neha Sahgal, Greg Zilli, and Libby Williams '01s cavort in the snow.

DAN SHORTRIDGE
NEWS EDITOR

Piles of snow and chilly temperatures greeted Wooster students as they headed back to classes on Monday, and the forecast for the immediate future doesn't look much warmer. The National Weather Service issued a Winter Weather Advisory for Ohio in effect through today. And The Weather Channel Online predicted snow showers and cloudy skies for the rest of the week, with a low of 20 degrees today warming to 29 degrees on Monday.

"Usually, things are not this bad in terms of ice, but the snow is normal," said Andrew Weaver '01, a lifelong Wooster resident. "The ice is making it really bad."

As cars drove down Beall Avenue at a much slower pace due to the icy roads, students huddled in their

"Our major problem in the last two weeks has been finding salt ... there's no salt available," said Williams. "The county, the city and the people who do the township roads," are also unable to get salt to help melt the ice, he added. Without salt, keeping the eight miles of sidewalks and 30 parking lots on campus clear and safe is an incredible challenge, Williams said.

"Administration buildings and the buildings where they teach — of course, those have priority," he said, followed by Lowry Center, the Physical Education Center, and then dorms and small houses. "We don't actually have any streets that we do plowing on," Williams said, but added that the College does have responsibility for the sidewalks which border the streets so that pedestrians have a safe place to walk.

"We've [also] been having trouble finding places to move the snow," he said, but his staff is doing the best they can. "The equipment has held together real good," Williams said, which he attributed to an on-site College mechanic.

Williams said that his crew is hoping for a warmer weekend. "As soon as the snow stops, we'll try to get everything cleared up," he said, but added that with the intermittent snowfalls, it's a constant challenge to get the ice clear.

"I think they're doing the best they can do," said Weaver.

Some students blamed the workers for snow removal problems. "I'm generally annoyed with the fact that there are sidewalks beyond Lowry which have not been plowed

since yesterday or the day before," said Craig Dorer '00.

"I think they're working very hard," said Amanda Couture '00. But still, the weather makes Couture "grumpy," she said.

Not typical was the attitude of Greg Boettner '99. "I love it!" he said. "I hope it keeps falling like this until April."

Many area businesses and organizations have curtailed their hours or closed completely due to the weather. Mom's Truck Stop closed early, at 10 p.m., on Wednesday "due to inclement weather." The County Courthouse closed at noon. And a staff member at the Oberlin College Office of Safety and Security confirmed that Oberlin had closed for the day. Whether it opens tomorrow "all depends on the weather," she said.

College President Stan Hales said that although it was highly unlikely that Wooster would close — to his knowledge, the school has only closed once, in the blizzard of 1978

— it could happen if the State Highway Patrol declared a Level 3 emergency.

If a Level 3 warning were instituted, Hales said, the College's staff and faculty would not be allowed to travel legally on the roads, and the school would be forced to shut down. He added that if that happened, the administration would work to gain a dispensation for Dining Hall staff. Students would be notified through a Campus Alert, announcements would be made on WCWS and local radio station WQKT, and a statement would be posted on the Wooster web page.

As of press time, a Level 2 emergency had been issued for the area including Wayne County, according to the Ohio Department of Transportation. A Level 2 emergency "means the roadways are hazardous with ice or drifting and blowing snow," and employees should contact their employer to determine whether or not to report to work.

Weather Links

FOR FAST, ACCURATE LOCAL WEATHER INFORMATION:

• Weather Conditions at Wayne Co. Airport:

<http://tgs7.nws.noaa.gov/weather/current/KBJJ.html>

• The Weather Channel Forecast:

http://www.weather.com/weather/cities/us_oh_wooster.html

• The National Weather Service's Interactive Weather Information Network:

<http://iwin.nws.noaa.gov/iwin>

• Ohio Dept. of Transportation Snow and Ice Report:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/snots/d3snow.htm>

Speaking of ...

Heads up! Don't slip on lousy snow job

The summer before first year, the College sends each new student a list of things they need to bring to school. This winter has proven that one more thing needs to be added to that list — a snow shovel. Wooster, along with the rest of the midwest, has been hit with an unusually bad winter. Unlike the rest of the country though, the College isn't ready to deal with the massive amounts of snow and ice Mother Nature has dumped on us.

Monday morning, half awake students were greeted by not only icy air, but also icy sidewalks. Small house walkways weren't even cleared and the Kauke arch resembled an ice rink and students were forced to skate to class. We understand that the service building can't clear every single walkway right away, but the major ones to dorms, small houses and academic buildings should be the top priority in the morning.

How can an institution, knowing it snows in the winter, not stockpile salt or sand? Everyone, from students to security guards, is falling all over. We have enough to worry about on the first day of classes. We shouldn't have to fear for our lives while we attempt to walk to class.

Unnecessary wait for weights

The renovations and additions made to the weight room in the PEC are an undeniable improvement, but is there space for everyone? The weight room has been enlarged and filled with a greater variety of all new equipment accessible to students between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. throughout the week, between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Saturday and between noon and 10 p.m. on Sunday. Before renovations, students had to wait their turn to use one of two (sometimes operational) treadmills or one of five stationary bicycles (usually falling apart and lacking odometers and timers). After renovations, students must wait their turn to use one of seven new treadmills or one of six stationary bicycles.

What's the change? Since the renovations and the onset of winter weather, the weight room has been absolutely packed, especially with sports teams, particularly those practicing for the spring season.

These squads obviously need time to lift and it is understandable that they should have priority in our athletic facility. However, instead of coaches coming up to non-athletes and rudely kicking them off treadmills, wouldn't it be a better idea to establish hours when the teams have priority and post them on the weight room door?

Sports teams should have priority in the weight room, but it would be nice to know when they do in the future.

Clinton impeached, now on trial

Three opinions on the pathetic state of the U.S. President

SARAH FENSKE

Richard Nixon, as any historian will tell you, was not impeached. Recent narratives have ignored the parallels between Watergate and Lewinsky in favor of a comparison of Clinton and Andrew Johnson. Clintonites shy from a depiction of their Bill as a Nixon figure. The fully impeached, almost fully rehabilitated Johnson must seem a better image.

But the Nixon connection is still there. Nixon certainly would have been impeached, had he not stepped down. A quick perusal of the crimes of Watergate makes a strong case for his impeachment's validity. Wiretapping, using the IRS for political purposes, campaign fund violations, abuse of power and obstructing justice ... It wasn't just about the Watergate burglary, no matter what Nixon's apologists argue. Nixon could have survived the scandal of the bungled burglary, had he not used illegal tactics to keep his involvement hidden.

Likewise, Clinton's impeachment is not about sex, though Clinton would like America to believe so: sex with interns is unethical, but not necessarily impeachable. Perjury is. Look at Watergate: the burglary itself may have been a misdemeanor, but the filth its cover-up exposed was enough to impeach a president and fully justify that action even thirty years later.

The "everyone did it" contention was not the only argument the Nixonites trotted out. Until midway through the Judiciary Committee hearings, it seemed a given that most Republicans were against impeachment, and their defenses were elaborate, as were those from Nixon's lawyers. Consider V.P. Ford, who called the impeachment hearings "partisan attacks." Or the White House aide who argued that "the American people" wanted their president to get back to the work of the nation. Or, best yet, Nixon's lawyer, who argued that Nixon committed crimes, but those crimes were not the "serious, indictable offenses" necessary for impeachment. It sounds familiar, and it also sounds pathetic now, these thirty years later.

The President has a duty to uphold the law, and perjury and obstruction of justice are hardly the way to do it. Cut through the crap about sexual McCarthyism and cries of partisanship, and what you're left with is a crook. Listen to Nixon himself, 1972: "What hurts is when you try to cover it up." The cover-up got Tricky Dick; it is only right that it gets Slick Willie as well.

Sarah Fenske is Co-Editor of The Wooster Voice.

DAVID LOHR

Well, it finally happened. What is quite possibly the most disgusting, disgraceful, and embarrassing event in the history of the Presidency has come to a head after festering like a pus-filled zit beneath the surface of the political arena for months. The event I'm writing about is not simply Clinton's escapades with Monica Lewinsky, but the entire manner in which the case was handled.

Pro-impeachment fanatics will claim that the portion of the public against impeachment thinks the entire case is about sex. Well, it's not. If it were, Clinton would be in and out of the trial in no time, completely unscathed. He was impeached because he lied under oath, and tried to cover up his intimate affair with a dirty young intern, who probably plotted this from the beginning. But ignore the fact that he lied for a second, and see what is left — a man who tried to save everyone he was associated with, in his case all the citizens of the United States, from world-wide humiliation.

Clearly he knew he was wrong in having an affair. If he didn't think so, he would not have tried to cover it up. He did what most men would do, which is probably one reason the public doesn't really care about the ordeal. And if having an extra-marital affair is not an impeachable crime, why did this begin? Why were his unrestrained passions made anyone's business but his own?

Yes, he shouldn't have lied. But that's over and done with. The prosecutors need to take into consideration the magnitude of the lie. It's not like he was selling state secrets. My recommendation? Since this whole process should never have been started, and his private life was no one's business in the first place, drop the whole thing. The punishment needs to fit the crime. Since he was forced into the crime, under penalty of world-wide humiliation and embarrassment, leave the poor guy alone.

Let him keep his office. Don't censure him. Let him walk. Congress should take the public's opinion into consideration when making monumental decisions such as this one. Clinton has the highest approval rating of any modern president, and the public clearly did not want him to be impeached. They think he's doing a good job as president, which he is. If anyone should be penalized in this situation it should be Congress, for not respecting the opinions of those they represent.

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DAN SHORTRIDGE

America cares more about football than the impeachment of the President largely because, according to the polls, we think that "it's all about sex." What someone does in the privacy of his office or house is his own business, and not worth all the fuss and furor.

If that were the entire story — if Clinton were charged with simply receiving fellatio from Monica Lewinsky — I'd be the first person to agree that he should stay in office. However personally despicable the man may be, the unzipping of his pants or the insertion of a cigar does not constitute an impeachable offense.

But the crux of the matter goes far beyond sex. When asked about the affair, Clinton lied. He lied to his aides; he lied to the grand jury; he lied to the American people; he lied to save what remained of his sad political career. And those lies constitute an incredible betrayal of the public trust. When it came down to the wire, the man who sits in the Oval Office chose to put his own personal survival above the law. And that is inexcusable.

Yet lying to the grand jury is not the only reason that Clinton should be impeached. While we were in the midst of finals, you may remember, the House was about to start voting on the impeachment resolution. The Morally Bereft One didn't have a second thought about chucking missiles at Baghdad in the middle of the night, for several days. It was just like the U.S. airstrikes last year in Kenya and Afghanistan when the Lewinsky story popped up.

After all, what are the lives of a few Iraqi schoolchildren worth, when compared to the survival of an American presidency?

Merely lying pales in comparison. The man who enjoys the highest approval rating of any modern President, surpassing even Reagan, condemned people to death in a last-ditch, pathetic attempt to salvage his administration. The death of every Iraqi killed in those strikes is a stain that will forever remain on Clinton's hands.

A liar, cheater and murderer now holds the highest office in our land. If the Senate does not vote to remove him from office, it too will be complicit in this travesty of justice. In the words of former Catholic priest Philip Berrigan, "Lawlessness rests not so much on crime in the streets as on crimes at the top." We should convict him, remove him and move on.

Dan Shortridge is the News Editor of The Wooster Voice and was once Clinton's biggest fan.

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Letter: P.C. monsters proliferate

The tragic extinction of "mankind;" men too wussy to fight

To the Editor:

I recently read an article in a business journal about the efforts of a company to regain its market share using the newest Internet technology. I remember this article because it had something in it I hadn't seen in a long time. The article referred to the company's top guy as the "chairman." "Chairman," I thought. How refreshing to see that word again after such a long time. Today every major journal, book or other publication uses the word "Chairperson" or simply "Chair." It is just part of the on-going campaign to erase the word "man" from the English vocabulary. Every word that used to contain "man" or "men" has been changed to something more acceptable to our cultural elite.

"Policeman" is now "Police Officer," "Fireman" is now "Fire Fighter," "Mail man" is now "Postal Worker," etc. etc. You see, the establishment feels that if they can change the language we use, they can change the way we think. And that, of course, is the goal — to change the way you and I think. All major publications have joined in the effort. An article in "Scientific American" I read last week refers to a new medicine's benefit to "humankind." You see, the word "mankind" can't be used because it contains the word "man."

Interestingly, though, it may be more difficult for our language police to erase the word "mankind" than other words they have targeted. This is because Neil Armstrong (inadvertently, I'm sure) cemented the word "mankind" into history with

the phrase "... One small step for Mankind." It will be hard for the establishment to erase that phrase from the history books (although I'm sure they will give it their best).

Why have the efforts to erase the word "man" been so successful in our country? Because American men are patsies. While other groups fight for rights and try to increase their power in society, American men are taught from an early age that they don't have a right to do the same...

The effort to erase the word "man" has been largely successful in most areas of our society. People are like cattle, and they will stampede in whatever direction they think the herd is running. Today, the only place you will find the word "man" in the vocabulary is, perhaps, at the Selective Service department — where only "men" are slated to be drafted and sent to war to be killed. Or you might find it within the hundreds of "affirmative action" programs that government and industry design to specifically discriminate against men in school admissions, hiring, promotions, etc. etc.

Why have the efforts to erase the word "man" been so successful in

our country? Because American men are patsies. While other groups fight for rights and try to increase their power in society, American men are taught from an early age that they don't have a right to do the same (unless, of course, you are a man "of color"). We have accepted the establishment's judgment on this and have learned to live with it. Until we wake up and stop being such suckers, the establishment will continue to succeed in these efforts.

Jeff Burhans '81

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As part of our never-ending attempt to make the Voice more reader-friendly, we are proud to announce the birth of a new column, Rocks and Roses. The goal is to provide a forum for students to air their comments, applaud the courageous gestures we see on a daily basis, or diss the little things about the College and the town which irritate us to no end. Two or three sentences is all we need, for those who are too lazy to write a whole letter. Send rocks or roses to Voice@acs.wooster.edu. We reserve the right to edit submissions for appropriateness.



To Steve Moore, for soliciting student advice and improving the intramural programs.



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To the Underground for working really hard and trying to change what was once a lifeless basement into a trendy night club.



To the students, for uniting with numbers and diversity never before seen on campus ... to block all the doors to Kauke and the Registrar's office with mountains of snow.

Question o' The Week

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE RECENT IMPEACHMENT AND TRIAL OF PRESIDENT CLINTON? FAIR? UNFAIR? DOES IT EVEN MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Send responses to Box C-3187 or e-mail them to Voice@acs.wooster.edu.

"A newspaper without input from its readers is like a government with a 16 percent voter turnout."

— unknown

Read any good books lately? Here are some suggestions

SARAH FENSKE
Co-Editor

There's nothing like a good book and a roaring fire on a cold day, and with the proliferation of cold days in Wooster lately, *several* good books wouldn't be a bad idea. And, as Wilson Bookstore Manager Jackie Middleton explains, a book well-recommended is even better. Not only is the book more likely to be good, "It's an interesting insight into people, too," she says. "It shows real aspects of people's personalities and literary taste, aspects you don't get from a casual meeting or seeing them in class."

Over winter break, the bookstore began a series of displays highlighting the recommendations of prominent campus figures, and showing the choices of College staffers as diverse as Phil Harriman and Stan Hales.

"People really liked it," Middleton says. "We have limited display space, but there are periods when we need to connect to the campus, and this is a good way to do it."

In the interest of promoting good books, here is our own list of recommendations from some campus members:

READER: Ben Mizer '99, future lawyer and current SGA big cheese

PREFERENCES: Mizer hates science fiction and fluffy romances ("the kind with Fabio on the cover"). As an English minor, his tastes run



PHOTO BY LOU LINDIC

We would recommend a warm fireplace, but this works too.

toward the classics. His favorite book is Henry James' "Portrait of a Lady."

BOOK: Guterson's "Snow Falling on Cedar." Mizer first read it based on recommendations and its numerous awards, but it held up to its hype. "It takes you to a different place," he says. "You feel like you know these people." According to Mizer, the plot centers on a murder trial, "but it's really about the people. The trial is just the thread that holds it together."

FOR: "People who like to read and don't want something too difficult, but do want a book they can still get something out of."

READER: Jackie Middleton, Manager of the Wilson Bookstore and voracious reader

PREFERENCES: Middleton likes historical fiction and non-fiction alike. She also enjoys mystery novels, her current faves being those of Daniel Balducci.

BOOK: For fiction, "Widow for

a Year" by Irving: "It's an interesting story about a young man coming of age and his relationship with an older woman." For non-fiction, Middleton recommends "Elizabeth I" by Weir. "I really like Tudor England and that kind of time," she says. "This book personalizes major historical figures, just like Weir's 'The Children of Henry VIII.'"

READER: Rorie Harris '99, psych major and campus leader extraordinaire

PREFERENCES: "Anything," she says.

BOOK: Toni Morrison's "Be-loved." "It's just an interesting idea," she says. "This woman actually preferred killing her children than sending them back to slavery."

FOR: "It was hard to read in terms of what it was talking about and trying to understand the language. It's not an upbeat book," she admits. "But if you have the time, it's worth reading."

READER: Chuck Nusbaum, first year computer wiz and all-around nice guy

PREFERENCES: "Anything I can get my hands on that someone's recommended," Nusbaum says. "I like non-fiction."

BOOK: "Tuesdays with Morrie," by Mitch Albom. "It was mentioned by Halberstam in his forum, and that's why I picked it up. It's really emotional and sentimental, and I'm a sucker for that," Nusbaum says.

FOR: Readers who like a good lesson in life. "It was full of feeling and authenticity," Nusbaum notes. "It's about life and the meaning you can find in it. The author is the one who changes through the experience. It's that type of book."

READER: Kami Marquardt, would-be HUD employee and die-hard romantic.

PREFERENCE: "I'm a big V.C. Andrews fan, but I love the classics, too," she says. She especially likes romances with great villains, like "Wuthering Heights" Heathcliff.

BOOK: "The Weight of Water" by Anita Shreve. Marquardt says, "I read another book by the author and really liked the way she wrote. I especially liked the way she mixed in history with a story taking place today and the way they went back and forth."

FOR: Marquardt recommends "The Weight of Water" for people who like "novels with a bit of a twist — not just a Harlequin. There's a little bit of murder, death and cheating."

Anyone with an equally good choice is invited to e-mail recommendations to voice @acs.wooster.edu. We'll be glad to run them, doing our part to help everyone through Wooster's biggest snow dump in years.

1968-69: Food, security and admissions

In the Voice:

The Chapel Debate Continues

The SGA plan to collect chapel cards the afternoon of Dick Gregory's lecture in protest of required chapel was successfully squelched when cards were not distributed and all students were automatically given two attendance credits.

Dave Twining, the Dean's assistant in charge of chapel, said the decision not to distribute cards was unrelated to SGA plans. He said the decision was made because (a) both Scott Auditorium and the Chapel would be in use and there were not enough monitors to cover the two buildings, (b) the conflict with class schedules meant not all students would be free to attend, (c) people from the town would have confused the card system and (d) people coming late and leaving early would have disrupted attendance taking.

The Food Service Improvements

Food Service is an integral part of the College of Wooster, owned and operated by the College. It has been, and will be, the focus of controversy on the campus. Whenever there is a judgment based on personal opinion, there will be conflict. In an effort to get all sides of the argument, the VOICE went to administrators and students to more fully understand the workings of this organization.

Dr. Hans Jenny was interviewed about the economic aspects of Food Service. Today the student pays \$520 for board at the College; roughly 18 percent of the \$2,864 total cost of attending Wooster. The cost of board has remained stable since the 1964-65 school year, but it will probably rise next year due to inflationary trends of the U.S. markets and rising labor rates ...

The Thanksgiving meal left most students with a pleasing opinion of Food Service. The candlelight effect was, however, ruined by the cafeteria line.

Naturally reactions are varied. One sophomore suggested more seafood (other than "Deep-Sea Dandies"). The introduction of the Coke machines was looked on as a step in the right direction.

College Security Steps it Up

Staff structure changes and the search for an additional officer are two efforts now being made to further orient the College's Security Program toward protection of the students ...

King pointed out increased needs for security due to an increase in "outsider traffic, some of a problem nature," including peeping Toms, exhibitionists and muggers.

In conjunction with increased efforts towards student protection, a scheme of the "Five Primary Areas of Responsibility for the Security Program" has been devised, listing "protection of persons" first. This area includes, specifically, (a) campus patrolling; (b) regular check on women's dormitory areas; (c) investigating thefts and vandalism; (d)

emergencies, especially illness and injury calls; and (e) cooperation with local police and fire departments, as well as with local and state authorities.

"Sleepy Sell No Sell"

A high school senior and potential Wooster student said ... that she had been discouraged by what a Wooster admissions director had to say for the College when he had talked to her. She said he seemed tired of traveling and talking about the College and made it sound a dull cold place intellectually and socially. This is an amazing impression for a school with a new student union and in the midst of potentially exciting curricular changes. More power to the potential student who seeks more than one person's impressions of a school though it is odd that the student's should be more enthusiastic than an Admissions director's whose job it is to sell the school to prospective students. But that's everybody's job.

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Getting a house, eating dessert: WVN's 3rd annual "Just Desserts"

JAMIE MAPES
ASSISTANT EDITOR

This Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m., the Wooster Volunteer Network will sponsor "the ultimate informational meeting," focusing on the process of getting a volunteer program house for '99-00 and life in these houses. The WVN oversees more than 20 volunteer program houses in which students are given the privilege of living outside of the dormitories in exchange for completing volunteer work in the community. "Just Desserts," which will take place in Lean Lecture Hall, features a panel discussion of students currently living in small houses about the benefits of living together as volunteers. The program will also include a student

discussion on the impact of volunteering. Director of Housing Matha Thornton will speak, discussing the housing application in detail. She will also answer questions about small house life in general.

"This opportunity is unique to the College of Wooster," said WVN Referral Coordinator Aaron Luebbe '01. "Very few colleges or universities around the country put volunteering as such a high priority. To go so far as to encourage volunteering via housing is an impressive reflection on the administration and the WVN."

Matt Mahaffey '00, the contact

person for Avery House which works with Perky's Day Care, said "living in a small house you get a sense of family with the people you live with. You also have a lot more freedom in a small house than in a dorm."

"You get a lot closer with the people you live with in a small house," said Kat Randall '01, who lives in Culbertson House and volunteers at Horn Nursing Home. "It's also nice to get off-campus and work

cies looking for volunteers and other students wanting to live in small houses. Luebbe said, "This is a chance to meet agencies if people don't know what kind of program they are looking to start. Any and all new ideas are welcome." Currently, small house programs work in a variety of different areas including Every Woman's House, which helps counsel women dealing with spousal abuse, Wayne County Alcohol Services and the Horn Nursing Home.

The small house application process consists of a program description, advisor contract, list of people living in the house, including a designated contact person, an optional agency contract and a mission statement. Applications are due to the housing office by Feb. 8 and will be available at the meeting or in the housing office after that date.

"The best advice is to have a strong, concrete idea of what you want to do for your volunteer program and get in contact early with a community agency. There's a lot of people that need a lot of help," said Luebbe. "Enthusiasm and sin-

cerity for volunteering are also great assets."

Mahaffey advises students interested to find a good program. "It's really great when you find a program you like," he said. "I've really enjoyed helping out not only the college community, but also the city of Wooster."

"If you apply for a house make sure you are serious about it," Randall warns. "Having a house is cool, but it is a lot of work to do a program. We were not prepared when we started. I love it though and would not give it up for anything."

Interested students can learn not only about small house living at "Just Desserts," but also meet agen-



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Ask Katie and Daren

Question: I'm a freshman here, and so far my year has been great. I've met a lot of great people, and I even started dating a wonderful girl. Things have worked out perfectly so far, but this semester she left on a study abroad program. Should I keep the relationship going since she'll be so far away?



Katie Huber '01

Her Say:

First of all, you're a freshman, which means you'll be changing your objects of attachment as often as your underwear. Why hook the ball n' chain now before getting to experience college? A semester is 1/8 of your Woo-time, after all, and wouldn't it be better spent getting to know a lot of people and having fun instead of just pining away for someone you just met? Making yourself a "single man" would also spare you

any guilt trips about having close female friends. Either way you win.

Of course, if you decide to take this route, be sure to do it nicely. No one likes to get the boot, and it won't make it any better if you break the news harshly while she's surrounded by a bunch of strangers who don't speak her first language. If you're going to take the phone route, which might be your only choice if e-mail is unavailable, be nice about it, and be sure to answer any questions she may have. Most likely, though, this won't come as much of a surprise to her. The fact that you wrote this letter suggests that you already have doubts about your feelings for each other.

Sticking it out is another option worth trying. There's no harm in giving it a chance and seeing how the long-distance relationship works for you. Most of us have found that any relationship outside of Wayne County just isn't as air-tight as those bred on campus. But I am living proof that with enough phone cards and a strong trust between you, anything is possible.

If you honestly think she may "be the one," or at least is worth an empty semester of your time, then by all means go for it. But if there is any doubt in your mind, go with your gut and don't string things out any longer.



Daren Batke '02

His Say:

The first question you need to ask is "is it really love, or simply lust?" Don't set limits on yourselves.

If it's love, when your significant other returns, the relationship will be as strong as it was when she departed. Basically, if your love is true, you'll last the whole semester without need to worry. It's when you set specific restrictions or limits that you get into trouble. For example, the good old "We could date other people" line just doesn't cut it on the long-distance course of action, and neither does "we will stay true to each other," or "let's talk on the phone every night at

eight." These actions will simply inhibit your ability to engage in other activities and experiences. While you may dearly miss your girlfriend, the time you spend apart could redefine the pagantry of your love.

If when she returns you don't feel that same way about her, it's probably lust. In this case, do your best to ditch the hormones and just give her the old heave ho! She wasn't worth it anyway, if you didn't have the right chemistry, and there is always plenty of other fresh meat for you to mack.

Quintessential Black Crowes

Their classic sound returns with a new album and tour

LUKE LINDBERG
FEATURES EDITOR

If the music industry has once again declared rock and roll dead, apparently someone forgot to inform the Black Crowes. Three years after releasing their last album, the psychedelic "Three Snakes and One Charm," the band has reinvented its older sound, storming back with "By Your Side," their best album since 1992's "The Southern Harmony and Musical Companion."

Filled with heavy guitar riffs, Zeppelinesque blues and soulful lyrics, the Crowes have re-established themselves as far and away the best band of the nineties.

After the critical and commercial letdown of 1996's "Three Snakes," the band fired guitarist Marc Ford and aligned itself with new bassist Sven Pipien. After Ford joined the band on "Musical Companion," he led the group into a new phase with the more laid-back album "Amorica" and was a central songwriter and component of "Three Snakes." Not liking the direction that Ford was going in, the band cut all ties with him.

The Black Crowes is led by brothers Chris and Rich Robinson, who are the key components behind the Crowes' successes. Steve Gorman also returns to the fold on drums in this new album.

The new lineup fuses together perfectly on "By Your Side," which, at heart, is a southern rock and blues album with a couple of ballads, to boot. The first single, "Kickin' My Heart Around," sounds like a track that would have fit perfectly on the second side of the Crowes' 1990 debut "Shake Your Moneymaker." The track is highlighted by a slick harmonica solo from Chris Robinson, whose soulful voice and slight frame evoke memories of a younger Robert Plant.

The remainder of the band is in fine form as well. Rich Robinson, who was often overshadowed by Ford's presence, especially on the Crowes' past two albums, has really



come into his own, excelling on the bluesy title track and creating some original, hard hitting riffs on "Heavy" and "Diamond Ring."

Pipien has proved to be a valuable addition to the band as well. He more than carries his own, which is a difficult accomplishment considering how many more talented musicians are in the band. In fact, his addition completes what is most likely the most musically talented quintet in all of rock and roll.

"By Your Side" is not without its slackers, however. But no al-

bum has ever been perfect. Even some of rock's more classic albums had their share of pitfalls. On "Led Zeppelin III," the band included "Hats Off to (Roy) Harper." Nobody's perfect.

However, the Crowes almost are on "By Your Side." A few tracks, "Then She Said My Name" and "Virtue and Vice" reek of an already traveled road. Where as tracks like "Kickin' My Heart Around" and "Go Faster" sound familiar, they also take on a new edge.

This is the Crowes' gift. Unlike bands like Pearl Jam and Metallica, who went through creative periods and were unable to reach their original sound, the Crowes are back in full force, sounding just as great as they did nine years ago. Despite all their successes and failures, the band has re-established itself as the quintessential southern rock and roll band.

On the whole, "By Your Side," simply rocks. Chris, Rich and the rest of the band have put together a compilation that should remind the world that rock and roll is certainly not dead, although the alternative movement seems to be.

Touring in support of "By Your Side," the Crowes will fly in E.J. Thomas Hall at the University of Akron on February 17th. They will make a trip South to Columbus on February 20th to play at Memorial Coliseum as well. The most recent tour, which is the band's first in support of "By Your Side," is appropriately entitled the "Souled Out Tour." The new album and tour should remind the world what Melody Maker already knows, that the Black Crowes are the most "Rock and Roll, Rock and Roll band in the world."

Do you know this man?



PHOTO BY AMELIA KAYS

Director of Libraries Damon Hickey is offering a worthwhile prize to any student who can identify the man sculptured in this bust. The bust, which now rests in Timken, was in the original University library. Students must contact Hickey with their name and some evidence supporting their claim.

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The Art Club: "doper than dope"

LAUREN KULCHAWIK
Co-A&E Editor

Have you ever felt an uncontrollable urge to paint a blank white wall? How about in Kauke, or the Underground? This is exactly the sort of creativity that the Art Club wishes to promote on our often drab campus.

"We want to make a mark on the school ... legally. Come do legal graffiti with the Art Club!" said Benjamin "Bean" Worley '02, who has already taken action to have a student mural painted in the Underground. "I've noticed that the Underground is sparsely decorated. I'm from Atlanta, Georgia, where the college clubs tend to be very colorful and eccentric," he said. "We're looking to make the Underground more artistic, with a better atmosphere. It's basically been approved, but we need people to come up with sketches of ideas. Anyone who is interested in helping with a mural at the Underground, or anywhere on campus, should contact me."

The Art Club's goal, however, is not simply to make a canvas out of the campus. According to President Victoria Russ '00, who started the Art Club with the help of Professor

Garth Amundson, the purpose is to give art majors as well as non-art majors who get shut out of classes the opportunity to explore their talents. "There's a lot of great artists here who just can't get into classes, and that's extremely frustrating," said Russ.

"Oberlin has lectures and visiting artists all of the time — I want to bring events like that to Wooster. People can't easily get rides up to Cleveland or other cities to visit museums. Plus most people aren't aware of what's happening in the art world unless they look through gallery guides. We're trying to fill that gap — we want to be the link for information about local shows and opportunities to learn about current art," said Russ.

One of the main drawbacks is the lack of an office for the Art Club. "We've got a beautiful new facility, Ebert, and a lot of support from the art department, but there is no space left for an office. We talked to Residential Life and they told us there is no room in Lowry or a dorm for a place to keep gallery guides available and hold meetings."

Russ has complained that Wooster lacks the art programs that students need. Russ considered transferring because she had planned on creat-

ing her own major, computer graphics, but the College's limitations could not provide for this major. Art Club member Hilary Basing '01 is transferring because of the lack of courses in film. "We've been joking that we should call the Art Club the 'How to Transfer From Wooster to an Art School' Club," said Russ, meaning that instead of passively transferring to another school, displeased students could instigate permanent changes while they're already enrolled at the College.

"An art major comes out of Wooster knowing how to paint, but not knowing much about current art. The science students always have access to the most current, timely information — they have their own freakin' library. Wooster does not have classes that offer art theory or computer graphics ... In the long run, Wooster is going to fall behind other schools. They're extremely old school in the sense that they teach 'fine arts,' the basics of drawing and painting and cutting and pasting. Now the basics ARE computers. Look at movies like 'Toy Story,' or any Disney movie. Computers facilitate art, and without practicing with computers in art courses, we're going to be lost in the 21st century world of technology," said Russ.

With eye-catching flyers like "Doper Than Dope" and "Fight the Oppression," the Art Club has gotten people's attention. The idea of "fighting the oppression" came about when an administrator told an artist she had to take her artwork off display. However, according to Russ, "People say 'I'm interested' and then don't show up for the meetings." Whether a student wishes to make a political statement, practice art, have access to current exhibits, or watch independent films, Russ says that the Art Club needs everyone's active involvement in order to instigate change. The mural project and weekly figure drawing classes cannot happen unless students are willing to make the commitment.

"You're not going to see students' work on campus unless we make more of an effort to exhibit their work. We've contacted the Shack and the owner gave us the okay to display student art. Now we just have to encourage all of the artists to participate," said Russ.

The Art Club is sponsoring a Juried Art Show now through Jan. 30, which will display students' pieces in the MacKenzie Gallery. The Juror is Rebekah Modrak of Syracuse University. The grand prize winner receives the space of the entire MacKenzie Gallery to show their work in the Spring of 2000.

"We're not just an 'arts and crafts' club. We don't want the campus to assume that," said Russ.



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Dead Girls and Other Stories will perform at the Underground on Saturday, Jan. 16 from 11 p.m. until 1 a.m. Marilyn Older (keyboard), Melissa Lou (Bass), Nancy Tarr (Guitar) and Dimitri Hatzzyannis (drums) rocked at Lilith Fair and H.O.R.D.E. Festival in the Summer of 1998. Long time friends from Washington D.C., the Dead Girls describe themselves as "groovy girl rock." Powerful and spunky, this band is worth checking out.

Patch Adams' sugar Heartwarming, but too many subplots

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Co-A&E Editor

"Patch Adams" is a lot like the new ice cream bar in Lowry Center — it is novel enough in the beginning, but when push comes to shove, it's just a lot of sugar.

Based loosely, or so it appears, on a true story, "Patch Adams" tells of a depressed man (Robin Williams) who commits himself to an institution after harboring thoughts of suicide. While at the institution, he rediscovers a love and purpose for life when he helps his fellow patients to, above all, laugh.

From there, he attends college to become a doctor, meeting his preppy, egotistical roommate (Philip Seymour Hoffman), nerdy sidekick (Daniel London), and the sassy, brainy and beautiful woman of his dreams (Monica Potter). As one might predict, through his sense of humor and love of people, he touches all three lives, as well as the nurses around him. Of course, every movie needs conflict, so this one involves a few spicy scenes between Adams and Dean Walcott (Bob Gunton), who believes that people need a doctor, not a friend. Being the defiant protagonist that he is, however, Adams continues to heal those in need through his comedic antics, and even begins his own medical clinic which focuses on both the physical and emotional needs of the patients.

As you might expect, the plot is extremely contrived, and many scenes, instead of bringing the Kleenex crowd to their stations, just call for a quick dose of insulin. There are plenty of fresh jokes, as Robin Williams always provides, and there are tons of touching mo-

ments that will give you a good excuse to squeeze your date's hand, but all things considered, it simply comes up short.

The movie is perhaps saved most by its performers, lead in particular by the seemingly infallible Robin Williams. One only wonders what material he improvised on the set; he is notorious for taking over with his own ad-lib, and this movie lends itself to such liberties. Potter and London also play their cardboard roles to the best of their ability, though the characters aren't developed as well as they could have been in a movie that pushes a full two hours running time. This is perhaps the major flaw of the film: there are so many sub-plots that the writers don't give themselves time to develop any one character or idea in enough depth.

For example, one side story involves a patient who is extremely ill-tempered. Adams, naturally, befriends him within a matter of seconds and becomes the inspiration on his deathbed. Likewise, Adams seems to win the heart of Potter in a matter of seconds: one minute she hates him, the next they're lifelong friends. And of course, there's a plot with Potter's secret past, and one with the shady man who visits their clinic, and one with Adams' selfish and bitter roommate ...

Sure, one can attribute the cut-and-paste feeling of the movie to its main catch: it's based on a true story. But when one puts a life story on the big screen, it's leaving out the stuff that just doesn't work. "Patch Adams" may give its viewers a good laugh and a warm fuzzy here and there, but the twists and sub-plots are just too much to handle. These days, living one life is plenty enough.

BEGINNING FRIDAY AT

Voice Flicks 10

The Snuggery (R) *	4:40, 7:40, 10:15 p.m.
Mighty Joe Kirk (PG-13)*	4:10, 7:10, 9:45 p.m.
Seven Years for a Transcript (PG)	4:05, 7:05, 9:55 p.m.
We All Know What You Did	
Last Night (R)*	4:45, 7:45, 10:00 p.m.
A Gnome's Life (G)	4:40, 7:00, 10:05 p.m.
The Ice Storm (R)*	4:00, 7:00, 9:50 p.m.
The Continuous Feeding	
Club (PG-13)*	7:15, 9:40 p.m.
You've Got a Booty Call (NC-17)	4:25, 7:25, 9:35 p.m.
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Saving Private Rhino (PG)	1:35, 4:35, p.m.
Waiting to Inhale (R) *	4:30, 7:30, 10:10 p.m.

On Saturday, Jan. 16, there will be no 7 p.m. showing of "A Gnome's Life." Instead, see a special sneak preview of "Bad News Betas" starring J-Board.

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Mahaffey named academic and athletic All-American

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So you're named second team All-American, the first Wooster football All-American since 1989. You also make the second team Academic All-American and first team all-conference teams. You get interviewed by just about everyone; your face is everywhere. So what do you do?

If you're junior Matt Mahaffey, you just keep studying. You keep going to your grueling business economics classes. You keep volunteering at Perky's World of Children and doing your homework and working out ... And you plan to keep getting better.

Mahaffey describes himself as "very competitive." Getting awards like All-American is important, he won't deny that: "It means that people give me credit for a job well done." And yet, in the end, the awards seem a bit arbitrary. Mahaffey notes, "I also see it as being very lucky. It's hard to decide in Division III who are the top football players across the nation, so it's an honor, but I'm really lucky too."

And luck isn't something Mahaffey likes to bank on. "I was pretty disappointed about the way I performed this season," he says, and he's not just being modest. This is a guy who can tell you about each kick that went wrong. "The goals I set and the expectations I place

on myself were to take it another step than I had last season, and I didn't do that. I hope to get better next season. That's my goal."

Despite his desire to improve, Mahaffey's stats look awfully good. He led the conference with his average of 41.2 yards per punt and also finished fifth in the entire D-III. His longest punt of the season was a whopping 70 yards.

"I have to become a lot more consistent," he noted. "I'm very inconsistent right now. I really have to work on everything."

Coach John McKechnie, who works with the wide receivers and kickers, says that this willingness to keep working makes Mahaffey unique. "He keeps getting better and better," he says. Besides his natural strengths ("long legs, he's a lefty, long arms") his perfectionism shines through.

McKechnie says, "If he's not having a good day, he comes to ask, 'What am I doing wrong this time?' And he takes a second, fixes it, and gets it right back. It's just a little work, and he's back."

So what about the allegations that Wooster's biggest star is also its biggest mama's boy? Mahaffey just laughs. "I played soccer until my freshman year of high school because my mom wouldn't allow me to play football. She finally caved



PHOTO BY BEN SPIELDENNER

Matt Mahaffey '00

in," he says ruefully. "She doesn't eat on the day of games; she's convinced I'm going to die on the football field."

And his mom was the first person he told about his All-American status. "She's the only person I called," he admits. "I told the guys in the house, but she was more excited than I was. She's the only one who truly enjoys these awards more than I do."

Duerr named All-American



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Seth Duerr '00 assists on a tackle against Ohio Wesleyan. Duerr led the team with 110 tackles.

JAMIE MAPES
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This football season was supposed to be one of the best Wooster had seen in years. While the team did not perform as well as had been expected, individual members earned multiple awards and broke various records. Linebacker Seth Duerr '00 was one of the players who proved himself to be worthy of national recognition. On Dec. 9 Duerr was named to the Hewlett-Packard Division III All-American Team as an honorable mention.

"I was surprised that I received this honor. Usually it is players of nationally ranked teams that are in the playoffs, and since we didn't do as well I wasn't expecting it at all," said Duerr.

The All-American recognition was not the only one that Duerr received. After the game against Case Western he was named the Conference Player of the Week for a game high 18 tackles, 14 of which were solos. This season he was also given first-team All-NCAC honors for the second year in a row.

"I've really enjoy football," said Duerr. "I've really enjoyed the friendships and have had a tremendous amount of fun playing and meeting new people. It's also helped in other aspects. I've also learned a lot in other aspects like having a commitment to things."

Duerr came to Wooster as a running back, but was benched his first year with a broken clavicle. "During the off-season my first year, Coach Barnes talked to me about moving to linebacker. I'd played that position in high school, but didn't think I was big enough to play in college. Coach Barnes gave me a chance, though," said Duerr.

Captain and defensive lineman Joe Dzuban '99 said, "Seth is one of the best linebackers I've seen. He is a great team player. He has the great ability to do both and is a good athlete and overall great guy."

Duerr says that the most important thing to him is definitely the team. "I feel like the most important thing is winning games. I do my best to give my all and help the team win," said Duerr.

Barnes also considers Duerr an important player on the team. "Seth is an important part of our football program. His spectacular contributions helped us enjoy another highly successful season. In my opinion, he is the most dynamic defensive player on our team and in our league. He had a great year," said Barnes.

Duerr is looking forward to next season. "I would like to be named to the All-American first team. I also want to see the team go undefeated and make it into the playoffs. I would like to be able to be a major player in that process," Duerr said.

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WOOSTER SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's Basketball

Dec. 19:	Wooster 81	Marymount 72
Dec. 21:	Goucher 67	Wooster 62
Dec. 28:	Wooster 70	Kalamazoo 51
Dec. 29:	Wooster 71	Colby 60
Jan. 4:	Wittenberg 67	Wooster 56
Jan. 9:	Wooster	Kenyon
Jan. 11:	Wooster 63	Ohio Wesleyan 55

Team Leaders

Scoring

Ryan Gorman	12.4 points per game
John Ellenwood	12.1 points per game
Chris Gardner	8.7 points per game

Rebounding

Ryan Gorman	9.7 per game
John Ellenwood	7.4 per game

Assists

Ryan Gorman	2.9 per game
Brian Watkins	1.8 per game

Women's Basketball

Dec. 30:	Wooster 87	Seton Hill 68
Jan. 4:	Wittenberg 83	Wooster 66
Jan. 9:	Kenyon 73	Wooster 58
Jan. 11:	OWU 67	Wooster 62

Team Leaders

Scoring

Katie Montague	15.5 points per game
LeAnn Uhinck	14.6 points per game
Maureen Mull	9.5 points per game

Rebounding

LeAnn Uhinck	9.9 per game
Aleashia Washington	7.0 per game
Erin Gertz	4.7 per game

Assists

Maureen Mull	3.8 per game
Erin Gertz	3.3 per game

NATIONAL SPORTS BRIEFS

NBA is now air-less

• Michael Jordan, arguably the best basketball player in NBA history, ended six months of speculation on Wednesday, announcing his retirement. This is the second, and, as Jordan said, the final time he will retire. Jordan led the league in scoring 10 times, had a career scoring average of 31.5 points per game, the best in league history and captured six NBA titles.

With five league MVP titles and six NBA Finals MVP titles, Jordan retires as the most distinguished player in NBA history. Chicago Bulls owner Jerry Reinsdorf said that Jordan's number 23 will be raised to the rafters again. Jordan retired in Oct. of 1993, trying his skills at baseball before returning to the hardwood in 1995.

70th HR Ball sold for \$3 million

• An anonymous phone bidder bought Mark McGwire's 70th home run ball for over \$3 million dollars at an auction on Tuesday. The ball was auctioned off for a total of \$2.7 million, with 15 percent commission, bringing the total to \$3,005,000.

Sammy Sosa's 66th home run ball sold for \$172,500, a far cry from the millions that McGwire's demanded.

Lady Scots struggle in NCAC play

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Winter break was not a particularly relaxing few weeks this year. The roads were bad, the snow piled up, and it was a risk to even step outside. No one was happy about it.

However, the Lady Scot basketball team couldn't care less about the weather. What they were concerned about was the NCAC foes that they had to tackle in the past two weeks. While Kenyon, Wittenberg and Ohio Wesleyan were not as severe as the inclement weather, they were certainly no fun either.

The first few weeks of the 1998-99 season were good to Wooster, as the Lady Scots went 4-1, winning the Notre Dame Tournament in the process. Katie Montague '99 was her usual self and Erin Gertz '00 was as solid as ever. The Lady Scots looked like they had even found a center who could throw around some NCAC defenders in LeAnn Uhinck '02, whose early season play had "Newcomer of the Year" written all over it.

However, with the snow has come some hard times for the Lady Scots. They have played well on a number of occasions and are still good most of the time, but they ran into an NCAC wall last week.

After defeating both Case Western Reserve and Earlham in their first two NCAC matches, the Lady Scots dropped games to Carlow and Geneva, as well as suffering an 87-68 defeat at the hands of Seton Hill.

Then the real challenge began. Perennial power Wittenberg visited Timken Gymnasium on Jan. 4, looking to avenge two losses: last year, Wooster went into Springfield and beat the Tigers on their home floor. And later in the year, they lost a narrow one point decision to the same squad.

However, the first match-up this year would end quite differently. The Tigers came out firing, taking a 10-0 lead from the outset. Wooster did not even score until five minutes were off the clock. For a couple of minutes, Wooster made a decent comeback, cutting the Tiger advantage to a meager 12-9.

And then Wooster faltered as the Tigers went on a rampage, scoring the next 12. Their outburst resulted in a 32-13 lead that held up for the rest of the game.

Wooster helped Wittenberg out by turning the ball over 15 times in the first half. The Tigers also took a staggering 80 shots from the floor, as the numerous shots did not give the Lady Scots a lot of opportunities to come back.

LeAnn Uhinck put together a nice performance, scoring 16 points and snagging 11 boards. Montague had a game high 17 points. The final

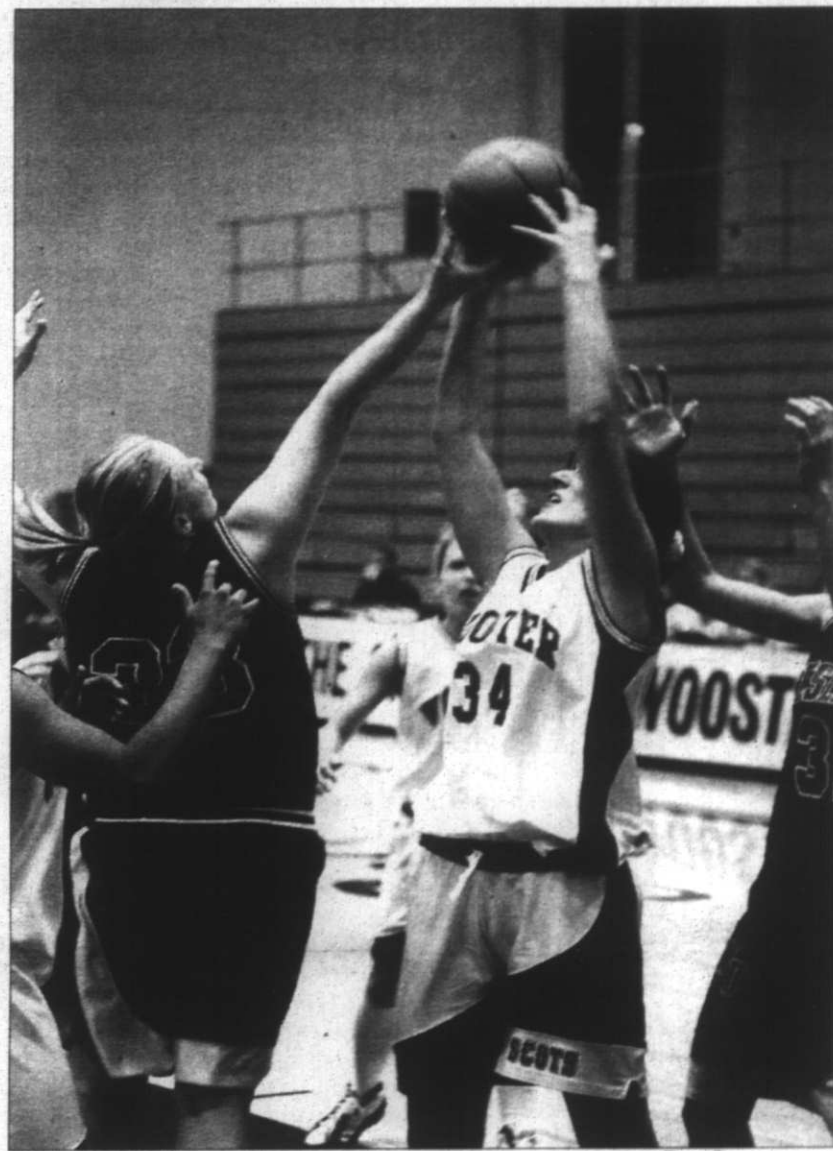


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LeAnn Uhinck '02 goes up strong against Ohio Wesleyan on Monday. Uhinck is averaging 14.6 points per game and scored 12 in the loss to the Bishops.

score was 83-69.

Five days later, Wooster visited Kenyon, dropping a 73-58 decision to the Ladies. Once again, turnovers plagued the Lady Scots, as they gave the ball to Kenyon 23 times.

However, unlike in the Wittenberg game, the Lady Scots played good offense in the first half, shooting 52 percent from the floor. Wooster led the game 32-31 at the half.

The first-half Lady Scot surge was led by the usual suspects. Montague played well as usual, finishing with 12 points. Aleashia Washington '00 also gave the Ladies fits in the paint and with her short jumpers, leading the way for Wooster with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

But the second half hurt. Wooster shot 33 percent from the floor as Kenyon pulled away.

Monday, Ohio Wesleyan visited and played the spoiler, nipping the Lady Scots 67-62. In a back-and-forth game, the Bishops came out on top.

Neither the Lady Scots nor Wesleyan shot very well in the first half, as both squads averaged 29 percent from the floor. Ohio Wesleyan held on to a 28-24 lead

at the break.

The second half featured a close contest, as Wesleyan held the advantage until the Lady Scots tied it at 46 with seven minutes remaining. First-year Stephanie Woodruff's three point play tied it. However, with 2:33 remaining, the Bishops had built up an eight point lead at 64-56.

Wooster refused to say die, with Aleashia Washington leading the charge and cutting the deficit to two points on a jumper with only 21 seconds left on the clock.

Getting the ball back with 17 seconds remaining, the Lady Scots saw a chance. However, Megan Hogue '02 was called for blocking, which did not go over well with the home crowd, and Ohio Wesleyan sealed it at the charity stripe.

Wooster's game with Oberlin scheduled for last night was postponed due to the weather and has been tentatively rescheduled for tonight. Wooster then visits Thomas More for a non-conference match-up this Saturday night. They return to conference play on Wednesday as they head to Denison to face the Big Red.

Hiram, Wabash to join NCAC

JAMES ALLARDICE
SPORTS EDITOR

With Case Western Reserve leaving the North Coast Athletic Conference after this year, NCAC officials wanted to bring two new teams into the conference. On Dec. 17 the NCAC Presidents' Council finalized the addition of Hiram College and Wabash College. Hiram and Wabash will compete in all sports except football next year and will compete in football in the fall of 2000. The NCAC felt that expanding to 10 teams was in the best interest of the conference.

"Becoming a conference of 10 provides options in team-sport scheduling, which would have become much more difficult with fewer conference members," NCAC Executive Director Dennis Collins said. "And with significant changes coming at the NCAA level for Division III championships [automatic qualification requirements], adding Hiram and Wabash secures our position in nearly all NCAA post-season events."

Neither team will compete in football next year because the 1999 schedules have already been made.

Hiram College of Hiram, Ohio has an enrollment of 850 and sponsors 19 varsity sports. The Hiram Terriers have been affiliated with the Ohio Athletic Conference. "The North Coast Athletic Conference schools are nationally respected institutions with rich academic and athletic programs," G. Benjamin Oliver, President of Hiram said. "Hiram has had a long and positive relationship with these schools and we look forward to many more years of friendly competition. We believe that we are a good fit for the NCAC and we are eager to contribute to the respect the conference enjoys both in the region and across the nation."

Wabash College, located in Crawfordsville, Ind., is an all-mens school with an enrollment of 800. The Little Giants compete in 10 sports and have most recently been affiliated with the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

The NCAC sponsors 11 sports for women's athletics, the most of any Division III conference.

Struggling Scots make changes in line-up

Moore looks to spark uninspired team; Watkins and Gardner benched

JAMES ALLARDICE
SPORTS EDITOR

For a team that enters the heart of the NCAC schedule with an 11-3 record, the Scot basketball team is going through an inordinate amount of turmoil. In the past week, two starters have been benched as Head Coach Steve Moore changed the starting lineup twice.

Forward Brian Watkins '00 had started every game since his freshman year — until this last week. In his place, Moore juggled the starting lineup, inserting Antwyan Reynolds '02 at point guard, moving Pat Noles '01 to shooting guard and Chris Gardner '99 to small forward. The new-look Scots entered Saturday's game against a dismal Kenyon team looking to rebound after a 67-56 loss to Wittenberg.

The new line-up proved to be unimpressive, as the Scots struggled to defeat the 1-9 Lords, pulling out a 64-54 win. Following the game, sources say Moore called a team meeting in an effort to inspire his team. Again, he made changes. Gardner, third in the team with 8.7 points per game, was benched in place of Steve Thompson '01. The result was more of the same, with another lackluster win, this one 63-55 against Ohio Wesleyan on Monday. Center Ryan Gorman '99 was held to three points against Kenyon, shooting one of four from the field. Gorman's three points was a season low, but he rebounded with a five of seven performance against Ohio Wesleyan.

The seemingly fruitless shuffling of the starting five was a product of the Scots' heartbreaking loss to Wittenberg on Jan. 4. The Scots had traveled to Springfield for a clash of the two top NCAC teams. The Scots were riding a two game winning streak after capturing the Mose Hole Kiwanis Classic, and Wittenberg's starting point guard was sidelined with a knee injury. The stage was set for the Scots to roll.

But Moore's team ran into a jug-

ernaut: themselves. Midway through the second half, the game was tied at 41, and then the Scots collapsed. Wittenberg went on a 19-0 run over the next 7:31, finishing the Scots. Wittenberg was able to shut down the Scots' two best players, Ryan Gorman '99 and John Ellenwood '00. By denying the inside, Wooster was forced to shoot 23 three-pointers, making only six. Thompson came off the bench to spark the Scots, scoring 12 points in the second half, finishing with a team-high 14 points.

The Scots' struggles have coincided with the struggles of their guards, a correlation that became glaringly obvious in Springfield. Against Wittenberg, Noles was three of 12 from the field, scoring seven points, and Gardner was zero for six. And in the win over Kenyon, Gardner shot just one of seven from the field, prompting the lineup change.

Other than Thompson and Reynolds, who pitched in points to earn a starting berth, the bench was unable to help the struggling team. Nate Gaubatz '01 was held scoreless in 21 minutes.

Over the past two seasons, the ball has always gone through the hands of Gorman or Ellenwood. In the loss to Wittenberg, Ellenwood only had four shot attempts, making three. This season Noles leads the team in shot attempts, firing 125 shots, yet only making 36 percent. Gardner has also been struggling from the field, shooting only 35 percent from the floor. Gardner has had more success from three point range, making 37 percent.

Before the reshuffling of the lineup the Scots hosted the Mose Hall Kiwanis Classic. In the opener against Kalamazoo they cruised to a 70-51 win. The next night they faced Colby for the championship. Gardner led the Scots to a 71-60 victory, scoring 29 points in two games and earning the tourney's MVP honor.

Prior to the Classic, on Dec. 21

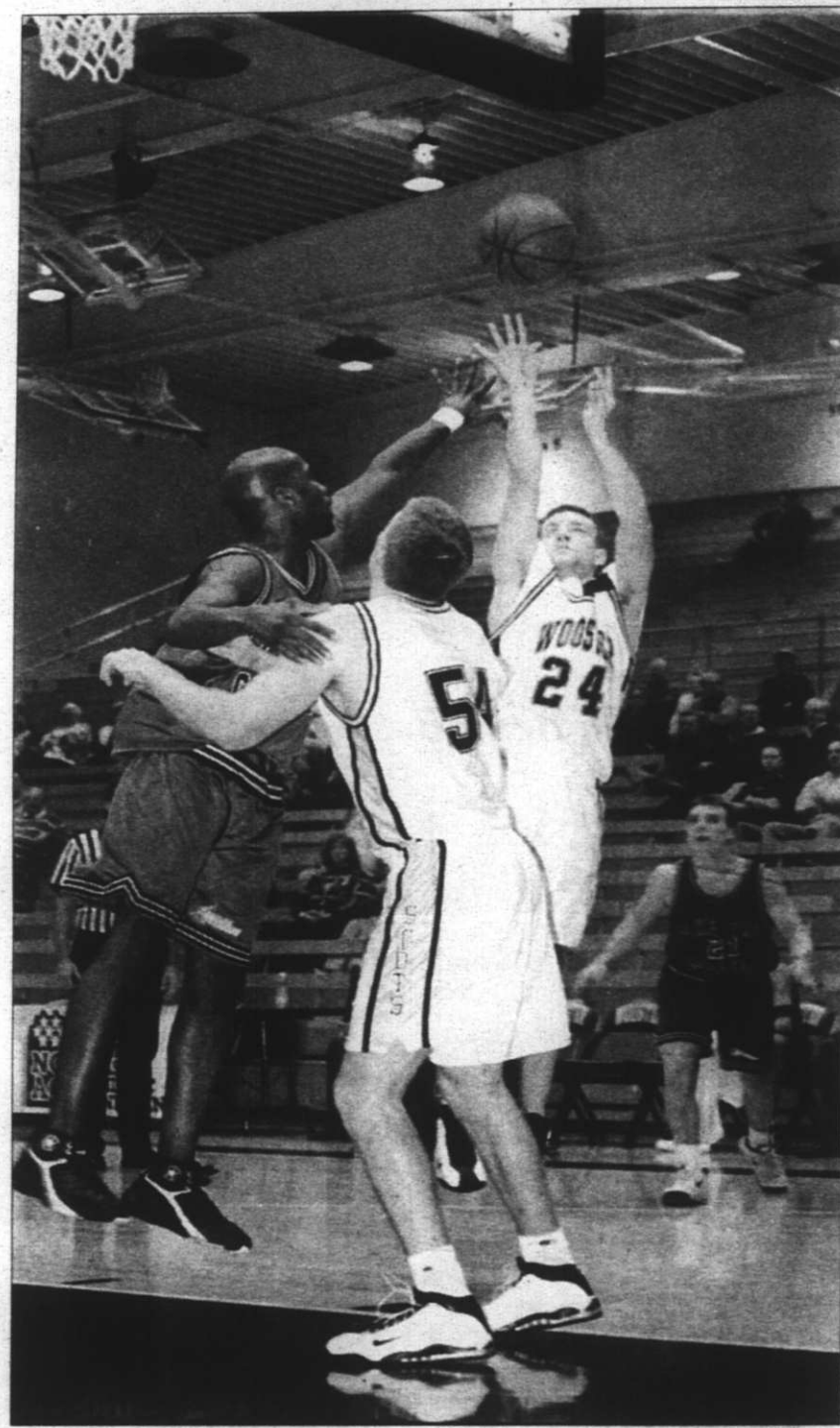


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Chris Gardner '99, shown here in the Dec. 12 win over Lake Erie, has been replaced in the starting line-up by Steve Thompson '00.

the Scots lost to Goucher 67-56. On the same trip, the Scots were able to beat Marymount 81-72.

Wednesday's game with Oberlin was postponed due to inclement weather. It is tentatively rescheduled for tonight. The Scots enter the game with an 11-3 record, 5-1 in the NCAC. The "new look" Scots will also play Denison on Jan. 20 at home. Moore has two weeks to get

his team in gear before facing Allegheny and Wittenberg in back-to-back games at the end of January.

After climbing to fifth in the Columbus Multimedia poll earlier in the season, Moore's crew has slid all the way to 21st in the nation. It remains to be seen if they can regroup in time to make another run at the NCAC crown.

The New Starting Line-up

PG	Antwyan Reynolds
SG	Pat Noles
F	Steve Thompson
F	John Ellenwood
C	Ryan Gorman

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